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Dear Mayor Clark and Saskatoon City Council,

The Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES) recognises the complex ongoing discussions regarding the City's 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget. With that in mind, we'd like to reiterate the need to continue funding Saskatoon's Low Community Emissions Plan and the goals and projects within the City's Climate Action Plan.

Every one-tenth of a degree rise in global average temperature that can be prevented will make a positive difference to the next generation. We owe it to our children and grandchildren and all future generations to do everything we can over the next decade to address the climate emergency and to set the stage for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

We expect that during the August 15th special budget meeting you will commit to the goals set out within the Climate Action Plan, that you commit to prioritizing emissions reductions in the city, and that you commit to crafting a budget that ensures Saskatoon's sustainable and economic growth while prioritizing the goal to transition to a resilient low-carbon future by 2050, if not sooner.

We urge you to take the necessary action to fund Saskatoon's climate and environmental goals, so our community can mitigate and adapt to the aggregate effects of climate change.

We believe this is an important opportunity for City Council to show their dedication and leadership on the path towards a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Margret Asmuss in black ink.

Margret Asmuss, President

Handwritten signature of Glenn Wright in blue ink.

Glenn Wright, Board Member

Handwritten signature of Bob Halliday in black ink.

Bob Halliday, Vice President